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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97 and §1.98, Applicants hereby submit an information disclosure statement with information cited on the attached PTO-1449 forms in EXHIBIT A and EXHIBIT B. The references listed in the PTO-1449 forms in EXHIBIT A were previously submitted to, or cited by, the Commissioner for Patents in a parent application of this patent application, which has U.S. Patent Serial No. 10/163,690, filed on June 6, 2002, and from which this application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 120. Copies of these references can be found in U.S. Patent Serial No. 10/163,690, and under 37 C.F.R §1.98(d), copies of these references are not submitted with this Statement. The reference listed in the PTO-1449 form in EXHIBIT B is a U.S. patent, and according to the United States Patent and Trademark Office OG Notices: 05 August 2003, copy of the reference is waived and not submitted with this Statement.

This Statement is being filed within three months after the filing date of the application.

This statement is not to be interpreted as a representation that the cited publications are

material, that an exhaustive search has been conducted, or that no other relevant information exists. Nor shall the citation of any publication herein be construed *per se* as a representation that such publication is prior art. Moreover, the Applicant understands that the Examiner will make an independent evaluation of the cited publications.

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